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1. The 1 Proletarian Division of the Yugoslav Army, stationed in Postumia, was alerted from 23 August to 3 September. All men and material were ready to move and 35 railroad cars stood by to transport the entire division. When the alert was ended, the division was supposed to move to Slavonka Porega near the Hungarian border, it would be replaced in Postumia by KNOJ and Popular Militia units from Croatia. 50X1-HUM
2. The 26 Assault Division, stationed at Ilirska Bistrica, was likewise alerted from 23 August to 3 September, but did not move from its position. The 7 Infantry Division, alerted at the same time, moved from Tolmino and Vrhnika towards Verasdin on 27 August, but returned to its former post after 3 September. 50X1-HUM
3. The 1 Armored Regiment of the 1 Armored Division, with headquarters in Kranj, moved from Kamnik to Ljubljana on 29 August. It was subsequently proceeding to Maribor when ordered to return to Kamnik. 50X1-HUM
4. The KNOJ has recently recruited 1,400 men, most of whom have already served either with the Army or with the Popular Militia. This increase in personnel was necessitated by additional requirements for guard duty along the frontiers, in industrial installations, and along lines of communication. The KNOJ Corps was allotted additional transportation and 27 new telephone switchboards were received from Scandinavia.
5. Upon the anniversary of the founding of the Yugoslav Navy, on 10 September 1949, the Naval Technical Branch submitted to the government elaborate plans for the fortification of the port and peripheries of Pola. The project calls for complete reconstruction of the arsenal, and the construction of permanent emplacements for coastal defense guns. The estimated cost of the project is ten billion dinars, and the project itself would require four years to be completed.

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